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**BUSINESS COUNCIL ENDORSES GOVERNOR'S STIMULUS PACKAGE**

**RALEIGH** –The Governor's Business Council for Fiscal Reform unanimously endorsed Governor Easley's economic stimulus package released today.

Council Co-Chair Jim Hyler, former NCCBI chairman and Vice Chairman of First Citizens BancShares, said "Governor Easley's plan sends the right signal that North Carolina needs to increase worker skills and reduce business costs to remain competitive. This plan is an excellent start."

Council Co-Chair Bill Coley, former CEO of Duke Power, said "The Council is working to ensure that state government continuously improves its efficiency and effectiveness. The tax cuts and the improvements in services to businesses will help improve the bottom line and save valuable private sector money and time."

The Business Council for Fiscal Reform was created to oversee the implementation of recommendations from the 2002 Governor's Commission to Promote Government Efficiency and Savings on State Spending. It is comprised of 15 businesspersons from across the state.

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